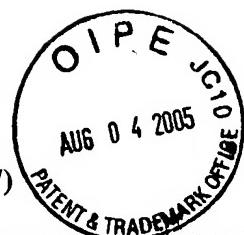


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Practitioner's Docket No. 201141.39CIP (407)

PATENT



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Lazar Strezov, Kannappar Mukunthan, Walter Blejde, and Rama Mahapatra

Application No.: 10/689,284

Group No.: 1725

Filed: 10/20/2003

Examiner: LIN, Kuang Y.

For: PRODUCTION OF THIN STEEL STRIP

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of two months in response to 03/11/05 Non-final Office Action.
2. A CIP in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
3. Applicant is other than a small entity.
4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5)):

Extension:
two months

Fee for other than small entity:
\$450.00

Fee \$450.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Extension fee due with this request \$450.00

5. Extended period for response:

Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any), the extended period for response will expire on August 11, 2005.

6. Fee Payment:

Attached is a check in the amount of \$450.00. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayments of fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 15-0450; Hahn, Loeser & Parks LLP.

A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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